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ROMAN ARMY
RIGHT WING,
CAVALRY BATTLE

OFANTO RIVER

■ HANNIBAL ARMY
□ ROMAN ARMY

URGH...
MY
HORSE...

THE BATTLE OF CANNAE 3



ARE
THEY...
TRYING TO
ENGAGE
US ON
THE
GROUND?

GET BACK
ON YOUR
MOUNTS!
YOU'RE
GOING
TO GET
KILLED!

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CHAPTER 30 THE BATTLE OF CANNAE

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TRYING TO
OUTRUN THEM
AND STALL
THEM WITHOUT
A HORSE IS
JUST....
IMPOSSIBLE!


IS LIKE A
BABY TRYING
TO FEND OFF
ADULTS.
THERE'S TOO
MUCH OF A
DIFFERENCE
IN STATURE.

THE ROMAN
CAVALRY
ENGAGING IN
HAND TO HAND
COMBAT ON
THE GROUND...



BUT THAT
ISN'T
SOMETHING
THAT WAS
OUTSIDE
OUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS!

OUR ENEMY
RIGHT NOW
IS NOT THE
GAULS WHO
SEEK TO
STRIKE US
DOWN,
BUT TIME
ITSELF!



THE
ENEMY IS
TRYING TO
SETTLE
THIS AS
QUICKLY
AS THEY
CAN!

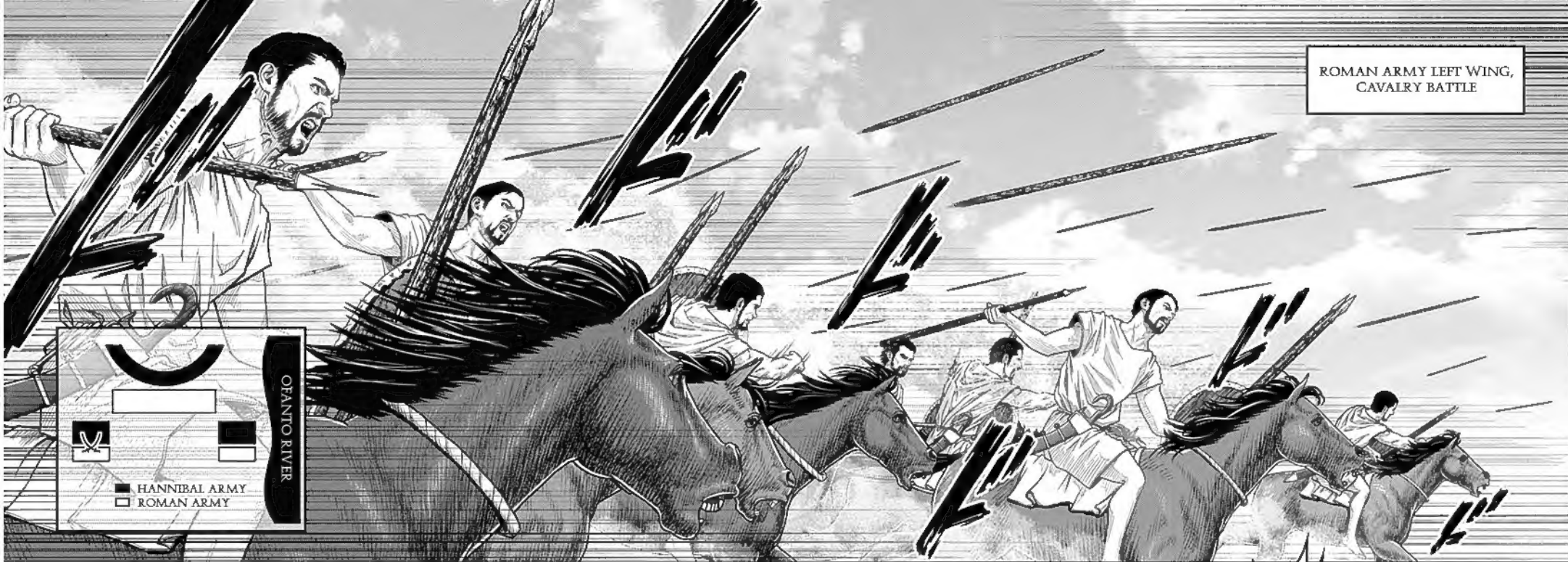
THEY KNOW
WE'RE ONLY
TRYING
TO DELAY
THEM!



HAD ALREADY
BEEN SEEN
THROUGH BY
HANNIBAL FROM
THE START...

...THEN THAT
MEANS OUR
ENTIRE PLAN
FOR THIS
BATTLE...





ROMAN ARMY LEFT WING,
CAVALRY BATTLE

OFANTO RIVER

■ HANNIBAL ARMY
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YOU FOOL!

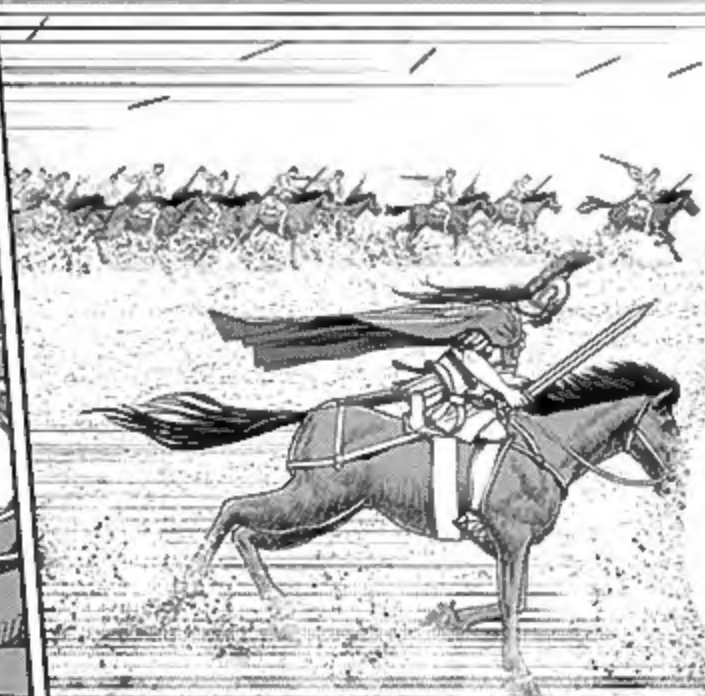
WHAT SORT OF IMBECILE ARE YOU TO SHOW SUCH AN OPENING TO THE NUMIDIANS!?

BAH... I AM SUR-ROUNDED BY INCOMPE-TENTS!



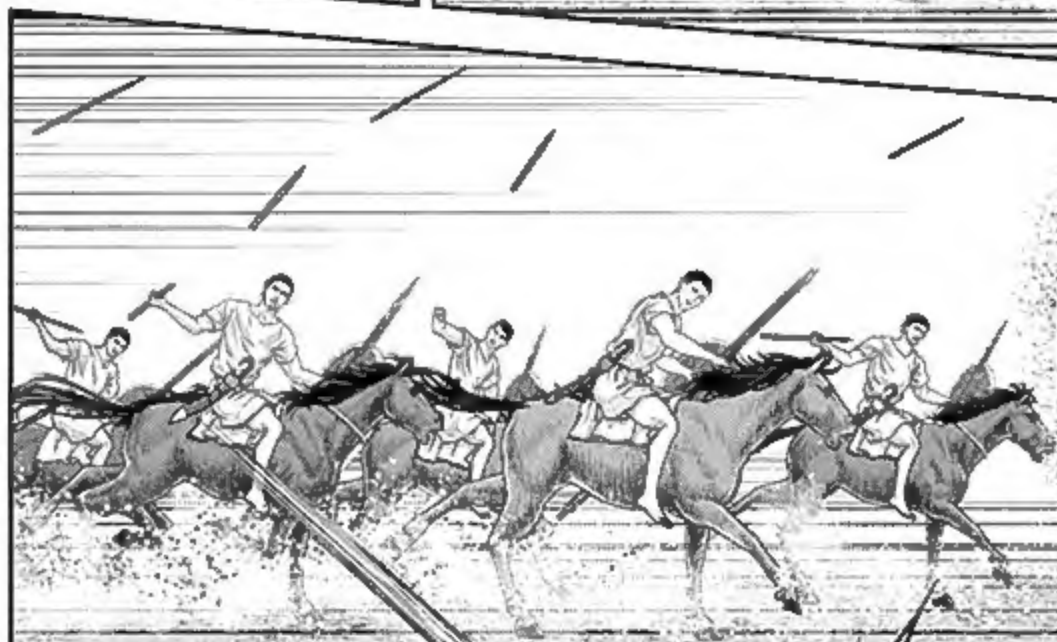
SIR VARRO!

OUR RIGHT WING IS NO LONGER A CAVALRY BATTLE! IT'S TURNED INTO A PITCHED MELEE!



CURSE
THAT
USELESS
OAF,
AEMILIUS...

IT'S ONLY
A MATTER
OF TIME UNTIL
HIS RIGHT WING
IS COMPLETELY
CRUSHED...



BUT SO
LONG AS WE
CONCENTRATE
ON DODGING,
STALLING
FOR TIME
SHOULD BE
DOABLE...

THE
NUMIDIAN
CAVALRY'S
METHOD OF
ATTACK IS TO
PEPPER US AT
MID RANGE
WITH JAVELINS
WHILE
WHEELING
AROUND US...



...OR
MAYBE
NOT...



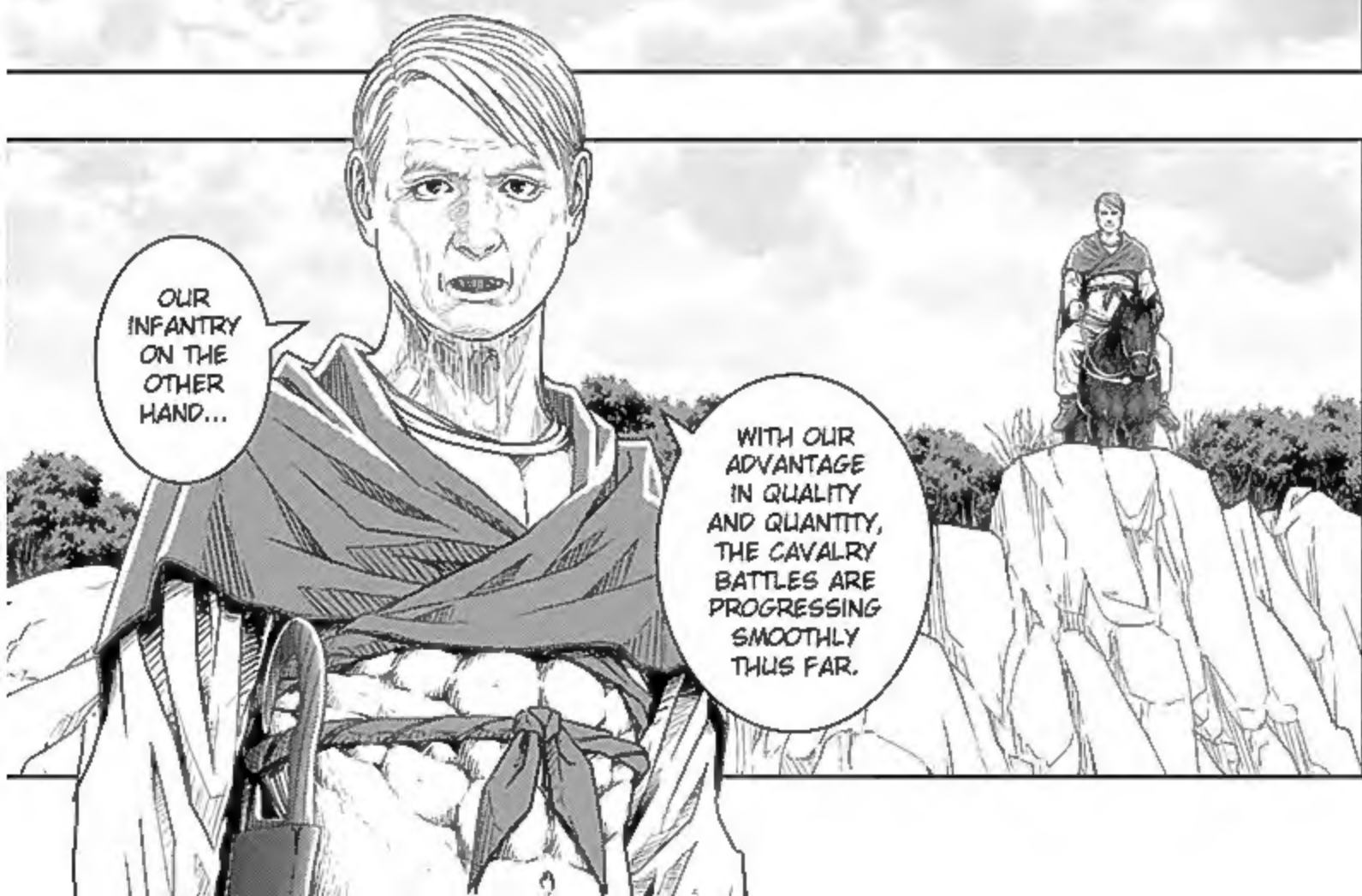
...BUT
ONCE THAT
MOMENT
COMES...



IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT
INEVITABLY...

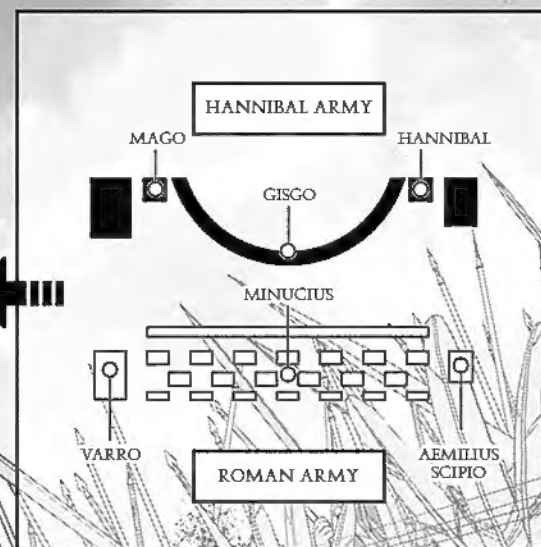
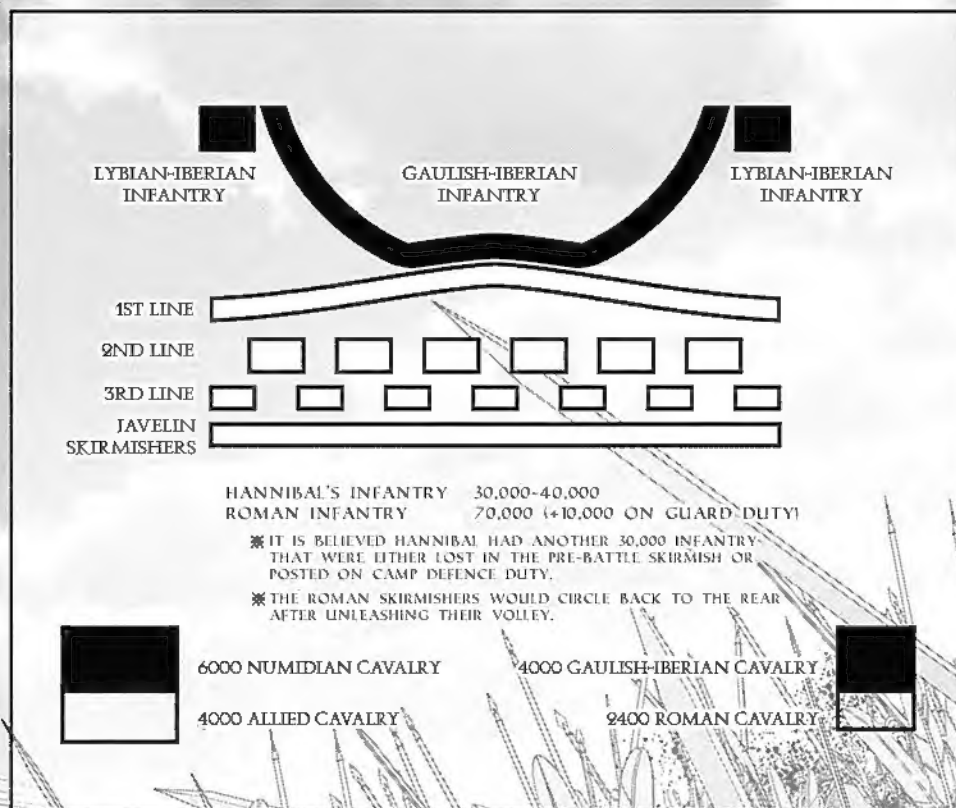
WE WILL
SHARE THE
SAME FATE AS
AEMILIUS...

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OUR
INFANTRY
ON THE
OTHER
HAND...

WITH OUR
ADVANTAGE
IN QUALITY
AND QUANTITY,
THE CAVALRY
BATTLES ARE
PROGRESSING
SMOOTHLY
THUS FAR.



OUR
FOOTSOLDIERS
IN THE CENTRE
ARE BEING
PRESSURED MORE
THAN WE HAD
ANTICIPATED...

PERHAPS IT
SHOULD BE NO
SURPRISE THAT THE
ROMAN LEGIONS'
DISCIPLINE IS A
FORCE TO BE
RECKONED WITH...



PREPARE
TO
EXCHANGE
RANKS!



HASTATI
AND
PRINCEPS!

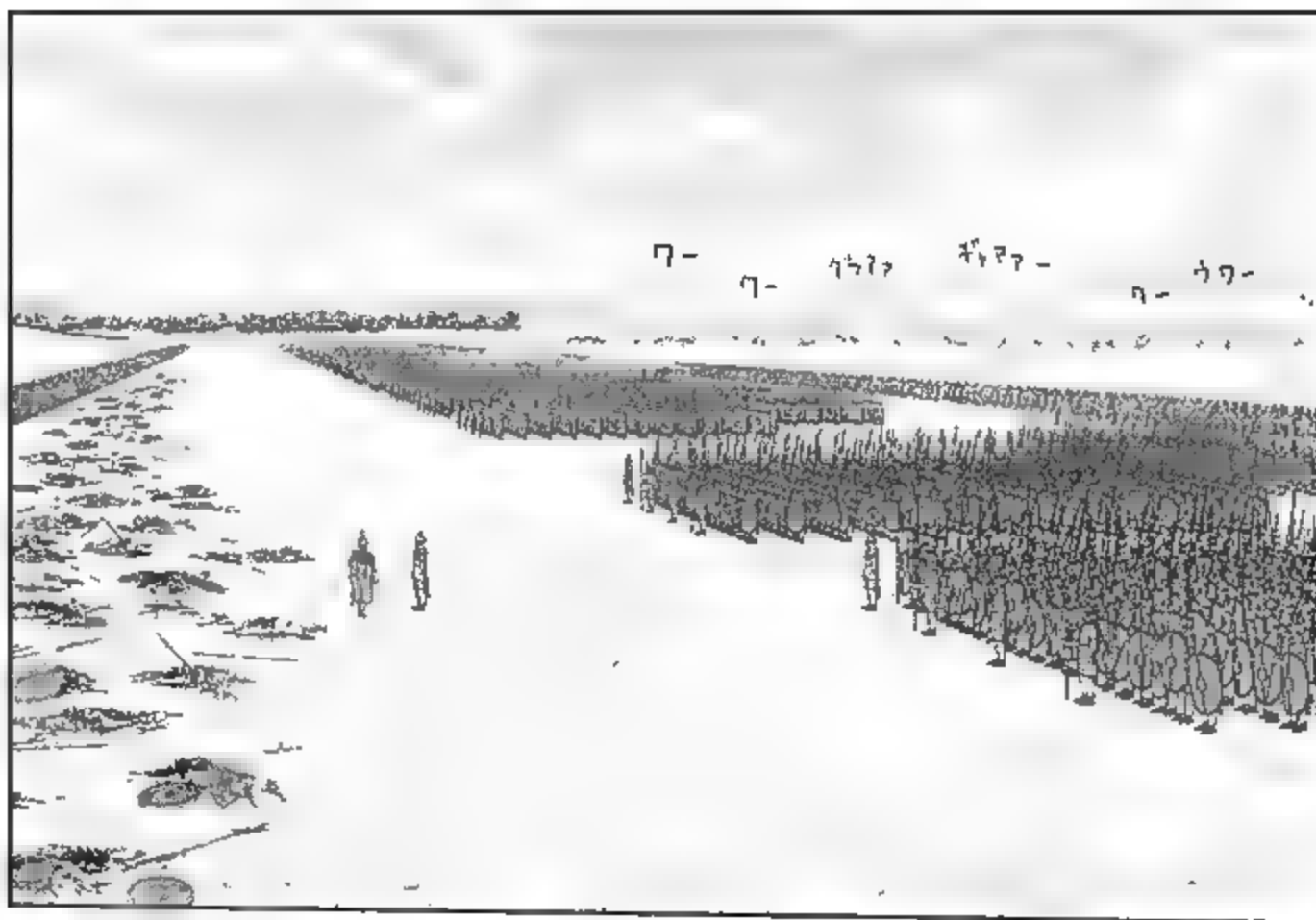


SO FAR
THE LOSSES
SEEM TO BE
TWO OF
THEIRS FOR
EACH ONE
OF OURS...

NO, IT'S
CLOSER TO
1 TO 3 IN
THE
CENTRE...

THERE'S
NO DOUBT
THAT WE ARE
WINNING THIS
ENGAGEMENT...










HE'S SO
INTIMIDATED
BY US THAT
HE WON'T EVEN
TRY HITTING
ME BACK!

THESE ARE
THE GAULS THAT
EVERYONE'S SO
SCARED OF!?
THEY'RE SO WEAK!
HE CAN'T DO
ANYTHING BUT
DEFEND HIMSELF!



IF IT'S HIM,
THEN EVEN
I CAN DO
THIS!



**GAIUS!
GET
BACK!**

**PRINCEPS,
FORWARD!**

**HELL
YEAH!**



UGH...

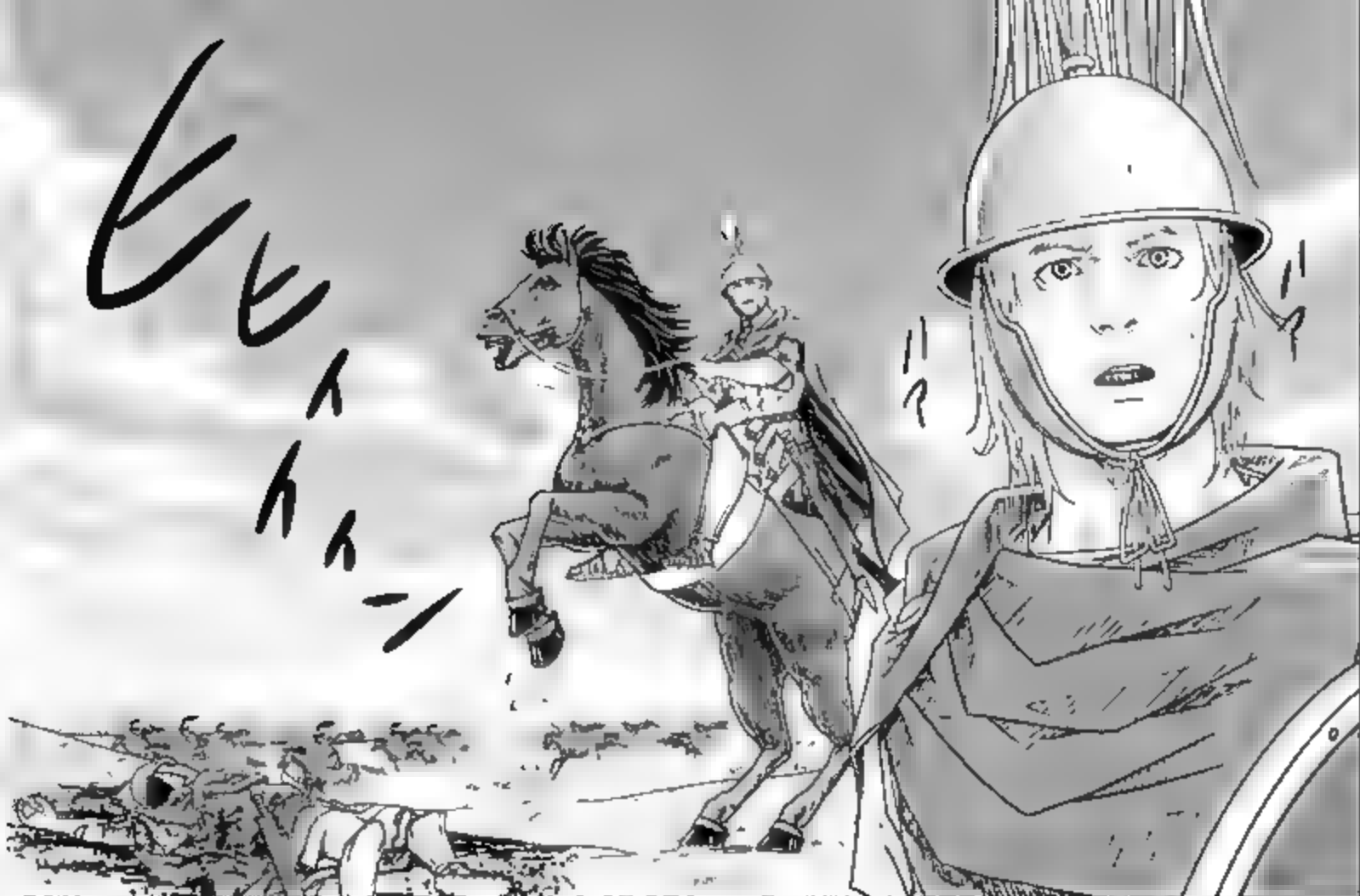
BOON!

WOAH!

H-HOLY...
DAMN, THAT
BIG FELLOW,
BANDIUS,
REALLY ISN'T
SOMEONE
YOU WANT
TO MESS
WITH...

...





#!...



...THE RIGHT
WING IS
FINISHED.

...WE SHOULD
CIRCLE BACK
TO VARRIO'S
LEFT WING AND
RENDER WHAT
LITTLE HELP
WE CAN.

WE'LL
NEED TO
ROUND
UP ANY
SURVIVORS
WE CAN
FIND AND-



BEHIND
YOU!







